



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

United States of America,

-v-

Tafari Gordon,

Defendant.

20-cr-54 (AJN)

ORDER

ALISON J. NATHAN, District Judge:

At the request of the parties, Dkt. No. 47, a change of plea conference is hereby scheduled for December 1, 2020 at 3 p.m. Defense counsel should confer with the Defendant regarding waiving his physical presence and provide the attached waiver form to him. If the Defendant, after reviewing the form and being advised of its contents, wishes to waive his right to be physically present, he and his counsel should return the signed waiver form no later than November 30, 2020. If the Defendant consents to proceeding remotely, the proceeding will be conducted by videoconference using the Skype for Business platform. As per this Court's Individual Practices in Criminal Cases, a copy of the plea agreement should be emailed to the Court in advance of the change of plea conference.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 20, 2020
New York, New York

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alison J. Nathan".

ALISON J. NATHAN
United States District Judge

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**WAIVER OF RIGHT TO BE PRESENT
AT CRIMINAL PROCEEDING**

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Check Proceeding that Applies

_____ Entry of Plea of Guilty

I am aware that I have been charged with violations of federal law. I have consulted with my attorney about those charges. I have decided that I wish to enter a plea of guilty to certain charges. I understand I have a right to appear before a judge in a courtroom in the Southern District of New York to enter my plea of guilty and to have my attorney beside me as I do. I am also aware that the public health emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic has interfered with travel and restricted access to the federal courthouse. I have discussed these issues with my attorney. By signing this document, I wish to advise the court that I willingly give up my right to appear in person before the judge to enter a plea of guilty. By signing this document, I also wish to advise the court that I willingly give up any right I might have to have my attorney next to me as I enter my plea so long as the following conditions are met. I want my attorney to be able to participate in the proceeding and to be able to speak on my behalf during the proceeding. I also want the ability to speak privately with my attorney at any time during the proceeding if I wish to do so.

Date:

Print Name

Signature of Defendant

_____ Sentence

I understand that I have a right to appear before a judge in a courtroom in the Southern District of New York at the time of my sentence and to speak directly in that courtroom to the judge who will sentence me. I am also aware that the public health emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic has interfered with travel and restricted access to the federal courthouse. I do not wish to wait until the end of this emergency to be sentenced. I have discussed these issues with my attorney and willingly give up my right to be present, at the time my sentence is imposed, in the courtroom with my attorney and the judge who will impose that sentence. By signing this document, I wish to advise the court that I willingly give up my right to appear in a courtroom in the Southern District of New York for my sentencing proceeding as well as my right to have my attorney next to me at the time of sentencing on the following conditions. I want my attorney to

be able to participate in the proceeding and to be able to speak on my behalf at the proceeding. I also want the ability to speak privately with my attorney at any time during the proceeding if I wish to do so.

Date: _____
Print Name Signature of Defendant

I hereby affirm that I am aware of my obligation to discuss with my client the charges against my client, my client's rights to attend and participate in the criminal proceedings encompassed by this waiver, and this waiver and consent form. I affirm that my client knowingly and voluntarily consents to the proceedings being held with my client and me both participating remotely.

Date: _____
Print Name Signature of Defense Counsel

Addendum for a defendant who requires services of an interpreter:

I used the services of an interpreter to discuss these issues with the defendant. The interpreter also translated this document, in its entirety, to the defendant before the defendant signed it. The interpreter's name is: _____.

Date: _____
Signature of Defense Counsel

Accepted: _____
Signature of Judge
Date: